

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2006      3:55 p.m.      Room 519 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

The Family and Children Services Committee met jointly with the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Human Services.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Shaffer**, Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Human Services opened the floor for discussion on the Adoption Subsidy Program.

**TESTIMONY**

**Ann McNitt**, an adoptive parent, testified.

**Becki Dornoff**, an adoptive parent, representing Adopt America Network, testified.

**Tammy Rudi**, an adoptive parent, and son **Dillion**.

**David B. Kortering**, attorney representing Ron and Christie Hall-Grabowski (clients), testified.

The following people submitted cards and due to time constraints were unable to speak:

**Jim Hennessey**, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, submitted a card indicating he was available to speak if requested.

**Kate Hanley**, representing the Michigan Department of Human Services, submitted a card indicating she was available to speak if requested.

**Cheryl Krapf-Haddock**, representing Alexander Haddock, her adoptive son.

The following people submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

**Carol Patrick**, an adoptive parent.

**Vickie Thompson-Sandy**, representing Michigan Federation for Children.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

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**Representative John Stahl, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services**  
Malika Abdur-Rashid  
Committee Clerk  
517/373-7256  
1 Hour 38 Minutes